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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TRANSGABON RAILROAD: ABANGA VIADUCT

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THATLETTER HAS JUST BEEN SENT TO US FIRM RTIYMOND INTERNATIONAL BY OCTRA DIRECTOR GENERAL CHARLES TSIBAH ASKING RAYMOND TO SUBMIT DETAILED PROPOSAL TO OCTRA FOR CONSTURCITION OF VIADUCT OVER ABANGA II SWAMP. AS EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS PROJECT, VIADUCT WILL BE SOME 1300 METERS IN LENGTH AND IS LOCATED AT PK149 N MAIN LINE OF TRANSGABON RAILWAY, SLIGHTLY WEST OF NDJOLE. VIADUCT, AS DESCRIBED TO US, WULD RESEMBLE CAUSEWAY OVER LAKE PONCHARTRAIN. POTENTIAL VALUE OF PROJECT DONE BY RAYMOND WOULD BE IN VICINITY OF US DOLS FOUR MILLION. CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN APRIL 1978.

2. ACCORDING TO US CITIZEN WITH ACCESS TO TSIBAH AND EUROTRAG (MAING CONSORTIUM CONSTRUCTING RAILROAD), EUROTRAG CANNOT DO NECESSARY WORK AND PRESENT FRENCH DESIGN IS UNACCEPTABLE AS IT WOULD PRODUCE SEVERE FLOODING IN ABANGA REGION DURING RAINY SEASON. RAYMOND DESIGN ISNOT OLY TECHNICALLY SUPERIOR BUT ONE MILLION US DOLS CHEAPER.

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3. FOREGOING IS BASICALLY FOR ADDRESSESS INFO ONLY, BUT USDOC MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH RAYMOND TO SEE IF TSIBAH'S LETTER RECEIVED. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE RAYMOND THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAND CARRY THEIR FORMAL PROPOSAL TO TSIBAH TO INSURE ITS DELIVERY. STEIGMAN

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